

REMARKS

Amended Claim 53 is the only independent claim in the above-identified application. In response to the comments set forth in the Advisory Action, Applicant has amended Claim 53 in a manner which is believed sufficient to put that claim in condition for allowance over the prior art.


In particular, Claim 53 now requires that the first light reflecting and/or diffusing area (e.g., element 6 in Fig. 5A) acts on a portion of the incident light from the light entrance face to reflect and/or diffuse portions of that light to opposite sides of the light entrance face. Applicant submits that the Ogura patent does not disclose that claimed concept of newly amended Claim 53.

In this regard, Claims 55-58 and new Claim 59, all depend from Claim 53 and take their patentability therefrom while adding other requirements.

Accordingly, all of Claims 53 and 55-59 are believed to be patentably distinct over the prior art and a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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